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NEWS RELEASE

SAPD Officer Involved Shooting

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following:

On August 29, 2009 at approximately 1:40 am, officers responded to a shooting near the intersection of NW 34th St at Fortuna. Upon arrival, officers locate a female victim shot in the leg. Officers begin searching the area for the suspect who is reportedly driving a green SUV. A short time later, Officer Jesse Izaguirre (1 year 10 month veteran of the department) observes what appears to be the suspect vehicle parked in the parking lot at Monterey Park (Fortuna at 38th St). Driving his marked patrol vehicle, the officer approaches the suspect vehicle with his emergency lights on. As the officer exits his patrol vehicle, the suspect drives the green SUV over a curb and at the officer nearly pinning the officer between his patrol vehicle and the suspect vehicle. Fearing for his safety, the officer fires several rounds from his duty weapon. The suspect manages to flee the park in the green SUV. Minutes later, the suspect's parents call police claiming that the suspect had been shot in a drive-by shooting. Officers respond to a location blocks away from Monterey Park and take the suspect into custody. The suspect was found to have a bullet wound to the left arm.

Both the suspect and shooting Victim (Female victim on Fortuna) were transported to University Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The weapon allegedly used by the suspect is believed to have been recovered. The shooting team is currently investigating the incident.

The officer will be placed on administrative duty pending the outcome of the investigation.